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1. ON AUGUST 23 THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR DISCUSSED PROFESSOR RICHARD R. BAXTER'S CANDIDACY (REFTEL) WITH MOHAMMAD YAHYA MAROOFI, DIRECTOR OF THE AFGHAN FOREIGN MINISTRY'S INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND UN AFFAIRS DIVISION. MAROOFI EXPRESSED STRONG PERSONAL INTEREST IN PROFESSOR BAXTER'S CANDIDACY, BECAUSE HE IS VERY FAMILIAR WITH HIS WORK, AND PROMISED TO INFORM US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHETHER HIS GOVERNMENT WILL DECIDE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT IN THE ICJ ELECTION. MAROOFI DID NOT THINK THAT AFGHANISTAN WOULD BE CONSTITUTING ANY NATIONAL GROUP TO MAKE NOMINATIONS THIS YEAR, HOWEVER.

2. MAROOFI REVEALED, IN PASSING, THAT AFGHANISTAN IS CONSIDERING SUPPORT FOR THE SRI LANKAN CANDIDATE. HE IS AWARE, HOWEVER, OF THE TRADITIONAL SYSTEM OF REGIONAL REPRESENTATION, AND THE FACT THAT, ACCORDING TO THIS SYSTEM, THERE WILL NOT BE A VACANCY FOR AN ASIAN SEAT AT THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS.

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